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Dear Sir:

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.312**

Please make the amendments shown in the attached papers in this application in the:

- abstract.
- specification.
- drawings.
- claims.

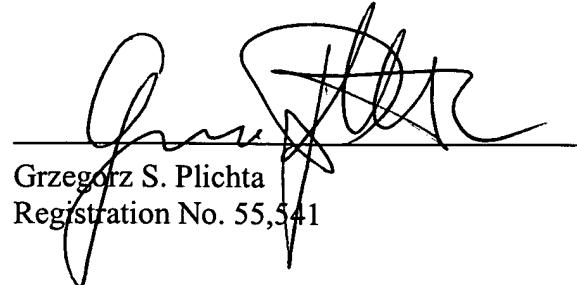
- This Amendment is needed for proper disclosure or protection of the invention and requires no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the PTO.
- This Amendment affects the disclosure or scope of a claim. The attached Amendment sets forth the reasons why the Amendment is needed, why the proposed amended or new claims require no additional search or examination, why the claims are patentable, and why they were not earlier presented.

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In response to the Notice of Allowance dated **December 21, 2004**, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and/or remarks as indicated below:

- Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.
- Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page _____ of this paper.
- Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page _____ of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.
- Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.